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PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No. 15689.50

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In application of

Hiroshi Kawakami, et al.

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Examiner:

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- Transmittal Letter (2 pages; in duplicate)
- Petition to Revive Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) (2 pages; in triplicate)
- PTO 2038 Credit Card form in the amount of \$1,500.00
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Respectfully submitted,



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The enclosed Petition Under C.F.R. § 1.137(b) To Revive An Unintentionally Abandoned Application is submitted herewith for filing in the matter of the United States patent application as hereinabove identified. Please

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find enclosed herewith the following items for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

- X Petition Under C.F.R. § 1.137(b) to Revive an Unintentionally Abandoned Application..
- X PTO 2038 Credit Card form in the amount of \$1,500.00 to cover the fee to revive an unintentionally abandoned application.
- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.
- X A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with this case to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

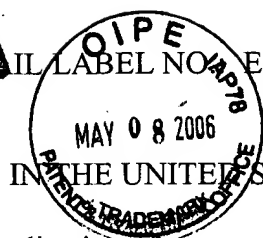


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), applicant hereby petitions to revive United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/423,131, which became unintentionally abandoned on April 29, 2006. Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$1,500.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m) for filing this Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) to revive an unintentionally abandoned application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in regard to this matter to Deposit Account No. 23-3178. Triplicate copies of this authorization are enclosed.

Statement of Unintentional Abandonment

The above-identified patent application became abandoned unintentionally on April 29, 2006, since a response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2005 was not filed prior to that date. A complete response (attached herewith as Exhibit A) was intended to be filed on April 28, 2006. The response included a Request for Continued Examination, the required petition and fee for the extension of time, and a response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2006. My assistant did, in fact, submit the documents to our outside contractors who perform much of our faxing operations on Friday, April 28, 2006 for faxing to the central fax filing number of the patent office that same day. However, the response was not faxed by those outside contractors until Monday, May 1, 2006. The error was not discovered until today, May 8, 2006, the date of the filing of this petition. The entire period of delay between the due date for the filing of the response (April 28, 2006) and today (May 8, 2006) was unintentional.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests that this Petition to Revive an Unintentionally Abandoned Application be granted.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2006.

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